

1 I think this is perhaps not the intention of the
2 remark, but it seems to be the implication of it.

3 It is true, as some have said here today, that bicameralism
4 can flourish in a system of equal representation.

5 I think there is no doubt of it. Any constitutional
6 authority to the contrary notwithstanding. But I think
7 it is also true that a system of equal representation will
8 be greatly enhanced through a system which promotes
9 effectively directly and clearly a high sense of public
10 responsibility by every member of the legislative body.

11 Let me recall to you the arguments with which
12 we began this debate, that we can have all the reforms
13 necessary to the legislative branch and indeed improve
14 upon those in a unicameral system; that there is a need in
15 Maryland, there is a need in State government for a much
16 stronger legislative branch, for a far more effective legis-
17 lative branch, and also that there is a greater chance for
18 more strength and unity in a unicameral system, an argument
19 which has not even been suggested to be in error by the
20 bicameralists.

21 We have suggested that the legislative process